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MANY ENJOY MUSIC TRIP TO OAKLAND

More than two hundred people including music pupils from the township schools and parents and friends made the trip to Oakland Friday to hear some of the best school bands and orchestras. At the edge of Oakland, the delegation was met by a squad of traffic "cops" who served as an escort during the entire trip around the city. Elmhurst Junior High was the first school visited and for an hour these skillful young musicians entertained the visitors. The next stop was made at Alexander Hamilton Junior high and the sixty five piece orchestra here produced some fine music and the boys and girls were allowed to walk around the orchestra and view the various instruments in action. Following this concert a lunch was served in the school cafeteria. Roosevelt high was next visited and this sixty-eight piece orchestra which ranks with the very best high school orchestras anywhere, gave an exceptionally fine concert which was a great inspiration to the boys and girls. The next and last stop was made at Technical high, where concerts by the first and second orchestras and the splendid band, were much enjoyed. The trip was a highly successful one, largely through the efforts of Mr. John Kimber, music director in the schools here and Mr. Glen Woods, Supervisor of Music in the Oakland schools, who extended every courtesy to the visitors.

SCHOOL ORCHESTRAS WILL VISIT W. U. HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. John Kimber, director of music in the local schools, has made arrangements for bringing the Roosevelt High School orchestra of Oakland and also the eighty-piece orchestra from Roosevelt Junior High School in San Jose, to the local high school. The Oakland orchestra will play in the Washington Union High School auditorium on Friday Feb. 24 and the San Jose orchestra will play here about a month later. These are two musical treats to which music lovers of the district may look forward with keen anticipation.

WILL REPEAT PLAY TO BENEFIT MUSIC FUND

The Oriole Dramatic club will present the play, "Two Days to Marry" at the Newark grammar school auditorium for the benefit of the Township music fund, February 9th.

ATTENDS LEGION MEETING

R. K. Wilson, commander of the Washington Post American Legion, attended a northern California district meeting of Legion officers at San Francisco January 29th. State Commander Phil Dodson presided.

The next meeting of Washington Township American Legion post will be held February 14. This will be a "Past Commanders" meeting.

NEWARK

Arrangements are now under way for the annual St. Patrick's Benefit Ball to be given at the Newark Pavilion on March 17 for the benefit of St. Edward's Catholic church, Newark. Committees are working hard to make this a bigger success, if possible, than ever before, and nothing will be left undone that may add to the enjoyment of all attending. Committees working for the success of this affair are the Misses Lida Francis, Rose Santos, Catherine Pope and Josephine Veit, Publicity; Mesdames John F. Silvey, Lenore Nunes, Violet Manley, T. Perry, John Pope, refreshments; and Mr. Geo. Costa, A. E. Francis, Tony Perry, floor committee.

The ladies of the S. P. R. S. I. Newark, are arranging for a big whist party to be given at the Newark school auditorium on February 10th. Committees in charge of this affair are Mrs. John F. Silvey, Mrs. A. S. Caldeira, Mrs. J. Caldeira, Mrs. Lenore Nunes and Mrs. Tony Perry.

At a meeting of the Women's Improvement club, Newark, on Tuesday evening, plans were made for a big whist party to be held at the Newark Pavilion on Tuesday evening, February 21st.

Mr and Mrs Dick Sarmiento of Newark are the parents of a baby daughter born at the Silva Maternity home Monday.

NILES C. OF C.

Tuesday noon, the Niles Grammar school P. T. A. served an excellent luncheon to forty-two men, members and guests of the Niles Chamber of Commerce, including about a dozen from Centerville. Mrs. Gladys Duffey, was chairman of the dinner committee and was ably assisted by the other P. T. A. members. Mr. Alex Booris of the Center restaurant donated his services in cooking the meat. The ladies realized a net profit of about twenty-eight dollars which will be used as a benefit for the cafeteria fund and to furnish extra milk for undernourished children. This profit included five dollars kindly donated by Mr. Crawford of the International Wood Products Co. and his company also donated the Kraft cheese for the dinner. During the luncheon, the men were entertained by songs sung by various groups of the grammar school pupils. A short talk by Principal Bristow, gave the facts and figures concerning the work the P. T. A. has done in the cafeteria. G. L. Donovan, chairman of the program committee, presented the speaker of the occasion, Mr. Van E. Britton, head of the gas department of the P. G. and E. Co. at Oakland. Mr. Britton gave an interesting talk on the history of the discovery of and use of gas for illuminating and heating purposes. Following the talk, the group enjoyed several piano numbers played by Mr. H. Salz.

WASHINGTON UNION NOTES

ANNUAL FRESHMAN PARTY FRIDAY NIGHT, FEB. 3

The Freshman class will be hosts to the members of the three upper classes and the high school faculty and their wives and husbands Friday evening February third at a party at the Country Club house at Centerville. This is an annual affair. The Valentine motif is being used in planning the party and decorations.

The Scholarship Society will hold a meeting and initiation of new members at the High School this evening

DECOTO

On Wednesday evening the Mothers' club entertained the School Board, principal, principal business men, club leaders, and their husbands. A very delicious supper was served by the mothers. The meeting was to discuss "Decoto's problem of youth." The program was as follows: Welcome, Mrs. Amaral (Pres. of the Mothers' club. Main speaker, Principal Benson of Oakland schools. "Things against the boys," Mr. Bendell. Building Forces, Mr. A. P. Peacock, principal of grammar school. Mrs. Nunes, librarian. Mr. H. May, chairman of school board. Richard Silva, Boy Scout leader. Orville Bloese, Christian Endeavor president. Mr. P. Decoto, Chamber of Commerce president. Mrs. Coupland, secretary of Mothers Club. The young men of Decoto, Lawrence Pimentel. Business Men, Mr. J. L. Olsen. "What Christ did for the Community," Rev. J. R. Stevenson.

After the talks a general discussion was held.

Miss Emma Simonsen of Chicago is visiting Miss L. Breiner. She was a missionary in China for several years and is a fine community worker.

The John Mello family have changed their residence. They are now living on the corner of G and 1st.

On Monday Mrs. Tony Luna and Miss Lucile Breiner moved into Manuel Perry's home on 2nd and E st.

The H. P. Garin Co. are constructing a packing house on Railroad avenue.

Mrs. Tony Luna and Mrs. Amaral accompanied the music pupils of the Decoto grammar school to Oakland on Friday.

Mr Masters and his son, John, returned on Tuesday from Arkansas. They have visited and toured the middle west. Mr. Masters is the manager of the Decoto Cannery.

Mr and Mrs John McNulty of Oregon are visiting his mother and brother in Decoto.

At the Sunday meeting of the Christian Endeavor Rev. J. R. Stevenson gave an illustrated lecture on the life of Napoleon. Orville Bloese conducted the worship service.

On January 21 Mrs. W. A. McPherson entertained the Swanson family, Mr and Mrs W. Walker, and Mr and Mrs Cass. After a sumptuous dinner, the guests played cards.

Feb. 22. Community Carnival at G grammar school auditorium.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- Feb. 2. Y. L. I. meeting, I. O. O. F. Hall, Niles.
- Feb. 4. St. James Men's Club Dance.
- Feb. 7. Country Club meeting at Club house.
- Feb. 9. Martha Washington Circle East Bay Girls, Mrs. G. Bonde, Niles
- Feb. 10. Newark S. P. R. S. I. whist in school auditorium.
- Feb. 11. Alvarado Baseball Club Benefit Dance, school auditorium.
- Feb. 11. Valentine Leap Year Dance, Parish Hall.
- February 13, S P R S I Whist party, I. O. O. F. Hall, Irvington
- Feb. 14. Niles P. T. A. business and social meeting.
- Feb. 15. Maccabees Whist party
- Feb. 15. Open House program at Niles Library.
- Feb. 16. Township Men's Club dinner at Niles Cong. Church 6:30
- Feb. 16. East Alameda Council of P. T. A. Niles Grammar school
- Feb. 21. Newark Improvement Club Whist.
- Mar. 17. St. Edwards Benefit St. Patrick's Ball, Newark Pavilion.

ENTERTAIN AT COSTUME PARTY CLUB SPONSORS STORE AND FOOD DEMONSTRATIONS

Mr and Mrs George Coit of Centerville entertained members of their whist club at a delightful dinner and costume party Saturday evening. The guests were attired in little girl and boy costumes, many of them cleverly planned. Mrs. Garrett Norris with a Kate Greenaway dress and poke bonnet and Mr. Phillip Moore with a most striking school boy make up were voted to be among the best, although there were many other laugh provoking costumes. All day suckers, the reading of modernized nursery rhymes and many other suitable details had been planned by the hostess and the party was a very delightful affair. High scores at whist were won by Mrs. Geo. Emerson and Mr. Garrett Norris and Dr. McWhirter won the lower prize.

Mr and Mrs L. J. Duffey entertained their bridge club of sixteen members at a dinner at the Florence Restaurant Friday evening. This was followed by a delightful evening of bridge at the Duffey home. High score was won by Mrs. Fred Trask, second by Mrs. M. C. Wilder and low by R. C. Blacow.

New officers of the Alvarado Rebekah Lodge will be installed Friday evening by Mrs. Henrietta Graff and her installing officers: Miss Jack Carron, Grand Marshall and Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Roberts, all of Hayward; Mrs. Fern Mitte and Mrs. Colton Roland of Niles; Mrs. Emery and Mrs. Forest Langdon of Alvarado.

Mrs. M. C. Wilder entertained very delightfully at bridge last Thursday afternoon. The house decorations were spring flowers. Mrs. Robert Tyson won high score, Mrs. Earnest Martin, slams and Mrs. Ben Tyson, low.

Miss Georgia Chalmers of Crockett, who formerly made her home in Niles, will entertain at a tea dance at the Palace Hotel of San Francisco next Saturday afternoon, honoring her friend, Miss Marion Young who will be married soon.

DIES AT NILES HOME

Mrs. Della Velsir, 83 years of age, died at the Niles Home for the aged Sunday, January 29. She had been living at the home for about a year and for many years had lived in the vicinity of Niles, where she had many warm friends. She was a former Worthy Matron and life member of Unity Chapter No. 65, O. E. S. She is survived by two sons, G. A. and Walter Belsir. Funeral services were held from the funeral parlors of the James Taylor Co. of Oakland, Wednesday afternoon. The O. E. S. conducted the service.

The Country Club of Washington Township is making elaborate plans for a three days cooking school to be held in the club house Feb. 16, 17 and 18. A country store with all sorts of standard articles for sale, will also be conducted. The doors of the club house will open at 1 p.m. each day. Through the courtesy of a number of local merchants the club will receive contributions of various articles from the wholesalers and will sell these articles at standard prices. An experienced demonstrator from Oakland will conduct a cooking school and many new recipes and ideas will be featured. This is one of the most elaborate projects sponsored by the club for some time. Mrs. C. E. Martinstein, chairman of the Ways and Means committee, will be in charge of the affair. Other members of the committee who will assist her are: Mesdames W. B. Kirk, Henry May, W. E. Robie, Barton Brown, Garrett Norris and L. S. Anderson.

P. T. A. COUNCIL MEET HERE

The Eastern Alameda P. T. A. Council will hold an all day meeting in Niles February 16. There will be both morning and afternoon programs and a lunch at noon, although details of the program have not been announced.

MRS. DONOVAN ENTERTAINS HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Geo. L. Donovan was hostess to a group of about fourteen members and guests of the Toyon branch of the Baby Hospital Association Monday afternoon. An interesting feature of the meeting was a talk on the Campfire Girls work and ideals by Mrs. J. E. Townsend, guardian of the Niles group. Following her talk Mrs. J. C. Shinn voiced her approval of the outdoor life and the fine associations and friendships emphasized in campfire work. She mentioned the vital interest a similar group of girls called "Maz Boahs" and sponsored by Mrs. J. E. Thane, had felt in their organization which was formed here during her girlhood. During the business meeting it was decided that the present officers, Mrs. J. R. Whipple, chairman; Mrs. W. H. Ford, secretary; and Mrs. Frank Dusterberry, treasurer; would continue to serve for a time.

The ladies sewed on hospital garments and folded bandages for the health center work.

Mrs. Donovan served delicious cakes and coffee at the close of the afternoon. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. E. T. Chadbourne of Centerville on February 13.

MEN'S CLUB DINNER

The Men's Club of Washington Township will hold its next meeting at the Niles Congregational church Thursday evening February 16th. According to president J. R. Blacow, the speaker of the evening will be Mr. John D. Barry, who is a noted lecturer and writer and will speak on the topic, "Henry Ford and his Efforts Toward Peace." Mr. Barry was one of the passengers on Henry Ford's "Peace Ship" during the World War.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

FAMILY NIGHT GREAT SUCCESS

Although many pleasant family night dinners have been enjoyed by those interested in the Niles Congregational church, the one held last Friday night was the best attended and universally voted to be the most interesting and enjoyable of all. Following the appetizing dinner which was served to about one hundred and twenty-five people under the direction of Mrs. E. B. Hodges and Mrs. C. E. Martenstein, an exceptionally fine program was given. Mrs. J. E. Townsend and Mrs. A. Seebart were in charge of the program. Mr. P. A. Ellie sang two pleasing vocal solos and was accompanied by Miss Elizabeth Shinn; Mrs. J. M. Williamson gave a reading from Kipling, and the Amyx orchestra presented several very attractive numbers. This orchestra is composed of Mrs. B. E. Amyx, pianist; Mr. B. E. Amyx, violinist and their three sons, who play various instruments. Mr. Henry Walton, who is a professional entertainer gave a novelty program of readings and clever imitations and impersonations which were unique and highly humorous and entertaining. Following this local talent program Professor George Hedley of the Pacific School of Religion gave an illustrated lecture on "Digging out an ancient city." He explained and described just how the excavations were done, and the short and extremely interesting lecture gave much valuable information. Slides showing clear pictures of the Palestine country around Mizpah where Professor Hedley and his associates have been working during the past year accompanied the lecture. The company was deeply interested in this talk and only wished it might have been longer.

The high water mark since Rally Day was reached last Sunday when there were present at the regular session of the Niles' church school an even 60. The worship service was conducted by Mrs. H. N. Roland's class and the 2 banners were shared by Miss Sanford's class and Mrs. Roland's class. Next Sunday Mr. Seebart's boys class will have charge of the worship service. Mr. Leon Amyx is the new teacher of the Junior boys.

ANNUAL MEETING FRIDAY.

The annual meeting of the Niles Congregational church will be held at the Parsonage next Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. Reports from various officers will be heard. There will be an election of the necessary officers and the policy of the church for the ensuing year will be outlined.

The February meeting of the Country Club will be held February 7th at 2 P. M. Community singing will be led by Mrs. P. Gatchell with Mrs. H. M. Kibbey, accompanist. The program will be in charge of the art and literature section and Mrs. W. A. Sloane has planned a very unique program for the day.

STUDY CLASS

The regular session of the Adult Bible study class will be held next Friday at 7:00 p.m. at the parsonage of the Niles church. The new study books have arrived and the evenings lesson will cover the first fourteen daily sections. This course is just being started and it is just the right time for new members to come in. All are asked to come promptly at 7:00 in order that the meeting may be adjourned at 8:00.

COUNTY BOARD INSPECTS IMPROVEMENTS HERE

Tuesday, Supervisor Ralph Richmond conducted the County Board of Supervisors on a tour of inspection of the recent and contemplated improvements in this vicinity. The Niles Corporation yard, the road improvements in Niles canyon, the new bridge on the Sunol-Mission road and other road improvements in the Township were the principal projects inspected. Among those who took the trip were: Chas. Heyer, chairman of the board, Redmond C. Staats, R. V. Richmond, Geo. A. Posey, county engineer and Geo. Feldman, Supt. of the county garage property.

NEW PATRONS AND BOOKS AT LIBRARY

Mrs. Emma Murray, librarian, reports that since the new library has been opened, the attendance has shown a great increase with the patrons ranging from small children to aged people. During the past four days, the average daily attendance has been one hundred and five, and about seventy-five books have been checked out from the loan desk each day. Many new books have also been placed on the shelves of the new building. Included in these are: ten volumes of International Reference Work; twenty volumes of the History of North America; ten volumes of the "Book of Rural Life," twenty-two volumes of "Great Events by Famous Historians," eight volumes of Compton's Pictured encyclopedia and fifty two new books of fiction.

SECOND OPEN HOUSE PROGRAM AT LIBRARY

At a meeting of the Library board held at the home of Mrs. J. E. Thane Tuesday afternoon the board decided to hold the second "open house" meeting of friends and patrons of the Niles Library, on Wednesday, February 15th. At this meeting, a short program will be given, the principal number of which will be a playlet, to be presented under the direction of Mrs. J. C. Shinn. The meeting is called for 7:30 p.m. and the public is invited to utilize this means for getting better acquainted with the new library and with the Library Association.

STILL CASE TO HIGHER COURT

At the continuation of the case of A. Butti and Anton Garcia, charged with possession and operation of a still today, (Thursday) in Judge J. A. Silva's court, both were held over to the superior court. Amount of bail was fixed at \$1000.00. Information was filed about three weeks ago by officers from the District Attorney's office. Anton Garcia was involved on account of his ownership of the land where the still was found, although he claimed no connection with its operation, having leased the land to A. Butti of Hayward.

WOMEN'S CLUBS WILL SPONSOR INSTITUTE

The Institute of International Relations which is to be held in Berkeley, Mar. 6, 7, and 8th. is this year sponsored by the California Federation of Women's Clubs and for the first time, will be open to all who are interested. A number of noted speakers will appear on the program. Reservations for the institute can be made through the local chairman, Mrs. Roland Bendel, Niles.

ART - LITERATURE PROGRAM AT FEBRUARY MEETING

The February meeting of the Country Club will be held February 7th at 2 P. M. Community singing will be led by Mrs. P. Gatchell with Mrs. H. M. Kibbey, accompanist. The program will be in charge of the art and literature section and Mrs. W. A. Sloane has planned a very unique program for the day.

According to Supervisor Ralph Richmond, the county engineers have completed plans for rebuilding the "S" shaped bridge between Farwell and Brightside. The bridge on the Mission-Sunol road is now finished and will soon be ready for use.

RETURNS FROM CANADA

C. C. Starr, of the engineering firm of Bendel and Starr, of Niles, returned a few days ago from Alberta Canada, where he has been engaged in a mining engineering project for the past six weeks. He reports much snow and exceptionally cold weather in that section but the trip was nevertheless enjoyable and his work successfully completed.

AMERICAN GARAGE ENLARGES SHOWROOM

The American Garage of Niles, which has recently been appointed local agent for Chrysler cars, is again enlarging the room at the northwest corner of the building, to make a more adequate and attractive show room for their new line of Chrysler cars they will keep on display there.

ALVARADO BASEBALL BOYS PLAN BENEFIT DANCE

The Alvarado Baseball club is planning a big benefit dance for Feb. 11th at the Alvarado school auditorium. Frank Lewis and his Peerless Serenaders will furnish music and a fine time is anticipated.

CHEVRONS

By LEONARD NASON

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STORY FROM THE START

Sergeant Eadie and Private Darcy, lately discharged from a hospital, behind the front, in France, become bored and disgusted with life in replacement camp. They elude the guards and go over the hill to find and rejoin their old outfit, the Seventy-ninth field artillery. At Valenciennes they are told their outfit has moved up beyond Toul. Weak, tired and hungry, the two men seek food. Upon the promise of a "real" feed, they split a pile of wood for an officer's cook. When the latter offers them bread and salmon, they thrash him. A friendly M. P. helps them get a truck ride to Toul and some bread and jam for a meal. Late next day they find their organization in the woods. Both men are worn out and hungry but a drive on the German position is to begin in an hour, and Eadie is commanded to go along.

CHAPTER II—Continued

"Ten!" said Eadie. "You don't mean to say that I've got to start a drive with ten cartridges, do you? Why, my G—d, I could shoot all that off at one boche."

"That's all you get," said Cokey, tying up the neck of the sack. "There ain't much here and the Old Man says ten rounds per man. Whoop! Run along now, little boy! Ten rounds per man, them's orders. If you shoot all them off at a German, you come back and I'll give you more."

"Time flies," said Ham. Eadie pocketed his ammunition and followed Ham away from the pile of boxes. The horses were being led from the picket line and harnessed to the guns and a number of men were lashing tarpaulins on the fourgon, a small four-wheeled wagon that seemed filled to bursting.

"I've got a million things to do, but the first and most important now is to eat. The best knowledge of the country in the world won't help a man if he collapses from hunger. And I haven't had the oat bag on since morning."

He wended his way toward the end of the encampment farthest from the picket line. Here he knew the kitchen would be and, sure enough, under a dirty tarpaulin he found the chow gun, a greasy table, and the cook, smoking a cigarette.

"How's chances on a feed, Joe?" called the sergeant.

"Well, if it ain't Eadie. Heard you was dead. Come in. Got some slum left and coffee and bread and jam."

He ladled slum into Eadie's mess-kit, gave him a can half full of jam, and handed him several slices of bread. "Mug o' Jave," said the cook, filling Eadie's cup, "an' there you are. Well, how are yuh? What happened to you up on the Marne? Last we heard you an' Collins an' Mike Sergovsky an' Red Sloan was all killed in a heap."

"Most of it's true," said Eadie, gulping coffee. "I was up on the front and some of the gang from the battalion told me I was detailed to go home. So then I started on the run for the battery and met Sloan and the rest of them waiting at a crossroads. We took a short cut across a field. Eadie paused, his eye looking into space, his mind on that red night above the Marne. "We heard it com' in," resumed Eadie, "and we flopped. 'Lie down,' says the nurse to me. 'You're at Jouy-sur-Morin.' The next I knew I was on a hospital train. Joe, if you want to know what fun is, you want to ride on a hospital train. Three in a bunk, said bunk being built for one."

"Are you a member of this battery?" asked a disagreeable voice.

Eadie looked up. An officer stood before him, a thin man, with a nervous, petulant mouth, angry eyes, and the air of a spoiled child looking for someone to bully.

"Yes, sir," said Eadie.

"What do you mean by loafing in the kitchen when we're all trying so hard to get away on time? Why haven't you eaten your supper long ago?"

"I just rejoined, sir," said Eadie.

"Where have you been?"

"I've just come back from hospital, sir," Eadie shifted his arm ever so slightly so that the officer might see the wound stripe.

"Where were you hit?" asked the officer.

"I wasn't hit, I was gassed."

"Oh," said the officer. There was a short pause. "Have you authority to wear that wound stripe?"

"No, sir," said Eadie, "but I expect—"

"Well, you'd better take it off then. Hurry and finish your meal and do some work. I daresay you've done little enough the past month or so."

The officer walked coldly away.

"For G—d's sake, who is that?" gasped Eadie. "Where the h—l did he come from?"

"Oh, don't mind him, he's simple," said the cook. "Name's Connor. I think they got him off a salvage pile somewhere."

"He your boss?" asked Eadie, attacking the slum again.

"Hu!" said the cook, "he thought he was. I had a shin bone cookin' here the other mornin' an' he says to me, 'What's for dinner today?' Sye, 'Soup.' 'Taint enough,' says he. Sye, 'I'm takin' orders from the mess sergeant.' 'Don't be insubordinate,' says

he. Sye, 'This here is a regular outfit an' there ain't but two men rates h—l high round this kitchen. Them's the battery commander an' the mess sergeant.' 'We'll see about that,' says he. Sye, 'Do! There's the captain's tent right over there under that big tree.' Well, sergeant, he went over there and his ears was red as fire. Well, when he come out, they was redder'n ever. Why, g—d d—n him! cried the cook, leaping to his feet, "I was slingin' hash in this man's army before he was pupped!"

"I'm glad he's staying here," said Eadie. "There'll be enough things at the front to bother me. Look, can you let me have a can of hardtack and some canned willy? I want to take them along in my musette."

"That shavay won't go nowhere near the front," said the cook, rummaging for the hardtack and willy. "there are too many soldadoes eager an' willin' to let go a slug at him. There! There goes the whistles. I'm glad I'm a cook. It's gonna be a wet night."

"D—n it," muttered Eadie. He stood up and put the can of hardtack and the canned willy into his musette. "So long, Joe."

"Good luck," replied the cook. "Bring us back a few souvenirs."

Eadie ran to where he had left his pack and found the fourgon already drawn out on the road with the machine gunners grouped behind it.

"Come on, Eadie," called Ham. "Leave your pack. Orders is to leave packs, they come up later if we're in need of 'em. Got your name on it?"

"Sure has," said Eadie, untying his overcoat from the pack. "That isn't such a bad order. I won't have to hike all night with a full pack. Oh, h—l, that d—n map!" The sergeant looked desperately around for Lieutenant Sawyer, the officer to whom the captain had directed him to report to memorize the map. He discovered the officer, already mounted, moving down the road. The sergeant pursued him.

"Oh, lieutenant," he gasped, "I'm supposed to memorize the sector and I couldn't get a second to do it until now. Could I borrow your map while there's a little daylight left?"

"Hullo, sergeant," said the lieutenant, leaning from the saddle to shake hands. "It wouldn't do you any good to borrow the map now, you couldn't see, and we won't be allowed any light. I wouldn't dare lend it to you, because it's the only fire map we've got."

"Oh, man!" muttered the sergeant helplessly.

"It isn't really necessary for you to bone the map," said the lieutenant, moving out again. "Don't worry. Have you got a first aid packet?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well, that's all you need."

With a loud cry from the different drivers and the slapping of whips the column began to move. The battery turned out onto the main road. It began to rain and Eadie put on his slicker.

"Well, so we're driving," said he. "And I broke my neck to get up here in time to go with it. Figure that out! Well, I suppose if I'd got here too late for it I'd have been just as mad."

"Wait till you see the place we're drivin' at," said one of the machine gunners. "I wouldn't give a Dijon franc for our chances o' goin' ten yards."

"Have you been up on the front?" asked the sergeant in surprise.

"Up on the front?" cried all. "D—n right we been up. Every night for the last couple weeks."

"Have we got a good place for the guns?" asked Eadie.

Everyone tried to answer at once.

"I'll say it's good," they cried. "It's out in No Man's land about fifty yards in front o' the trenches."

"And there's a great big hill there," said Ham, "the biggest hill I ever see and on top of it's the boche. Boy, they can lean out of their observatories and spit on the gunners."

"Kid us along!" scoffed Eadie.

"All right," said the gunners. "Wait till it gets daylight an' see."

Darkness fell and the rain increased. Eadie remembered that his gas mask had not had its eye-glasses greased and that the rain would blur his vision when he put it on. After the fatigue of the previous day that night march was doubly exhausting, even though he could rest by sitting on the steps of the fourgon during the frequent halts. Try as he could, he could not shake off a deep depression, which, as the night and the march progressed, began to develop into downright fear.

"What's the matter, sergeant?" asked Ham, sitting down beside Eadie during one of the halts. "You don't seem to have much to say."

"I tell you, Ham, I'm scared," said Eadie. "I've been running around France for the last ten days or so and I'm all tired out. And then to be wet and cold. This rain gets my goat. They say that a man's first battle is the worst, and after that he doesn't mind. What a d—n lie! This isn't my first scrap by a long shot, but I'm twice as scared as I ever was on the Marne."

"So'm I," said Ham. "Wait till you see the front, though, and what we've

got to drive against. Man, my teeth rattle every time I think of it."

Before Eadie's eyes the dim shapes of the gunners moved back and forth in the darkness. A horse stamped, rattling his trace chains and his driver cursed softly. From the head of the column came a wailing cry, "Forward—rd, hooooo!"

"Gup!" said the drivers, whips snapped, horses stamped, the carriages creaked. The men behind the fourgon held little conversation. They were all machine gunners, with the exception of Eadie. There were two machine guns with each battery for aircraft defense, and one man was left with the guns to shoot at raiding airplanes, while the rest bore down heavily on picks and shovels. The machine gunners now meditated on what their particular job would be during the coming attack. One thing they were sure of, that the job would be unpleasant. Eadie, on his part, was too tired to talk. Only once did he speak, after the first time.

"Ham," said he, "did you see Darcy anywhere? Do you suppose they brought him up, or left him?"

"They probably left him to come along tomorrow with the men's packs

and the rest of the wheeled transport. He was wounded, you know, and just back from hospital."

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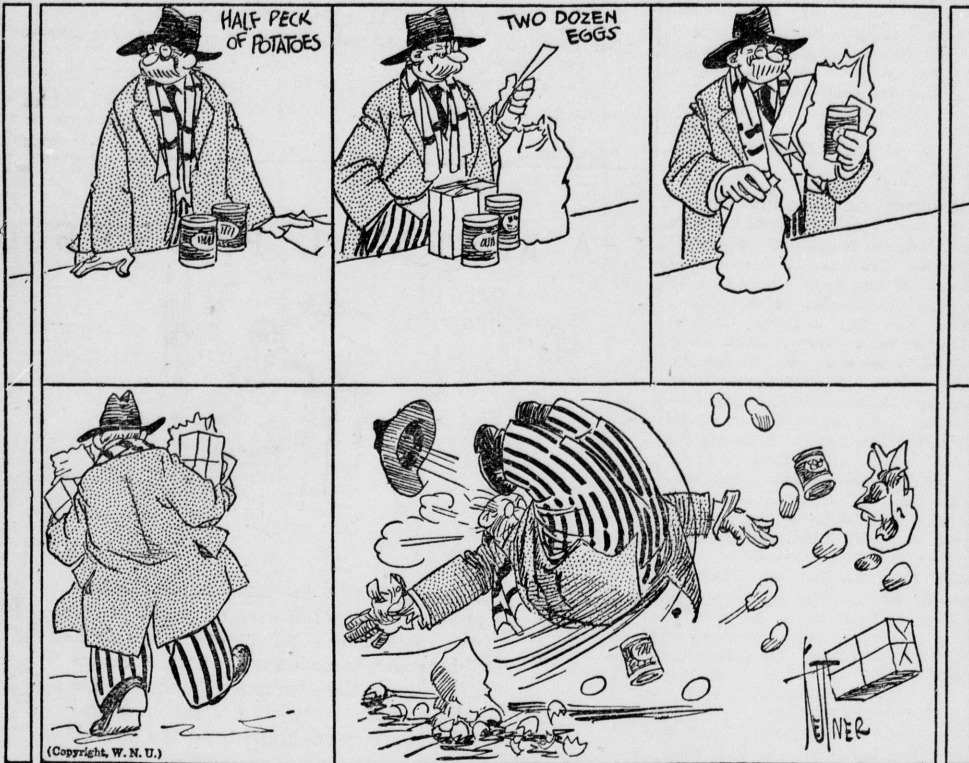
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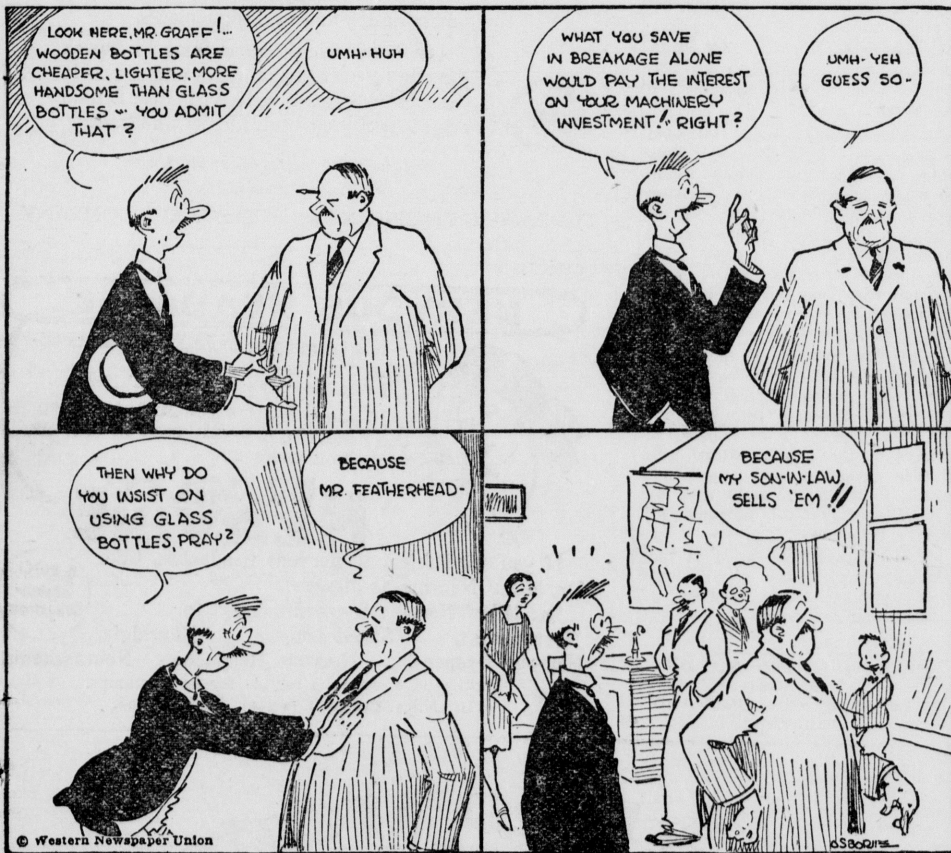
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"If you want to live in a kind of a town, Like the kind of a town you like, You needn't slip your clothes in a grip And start on a long, long hike. You'll only find what you left behind, For there's nothing that's really new; It's a knock at yourself when you knock your town; It isn't the town—it's you."

WINTER DISHES

This is the time of the year when we enjoy steamed puddings and richer sauces.

Steamed Plum Pudding.—Take one-half cupful of mixed fruit such as dates, figs and citron, one and one-half cupfuls of raisins cut into bits, dredge with a spoonful of flour. Take one cupful of suet finely chopped, one cupful of molasses, one cupful of milk, three cupfuls of flour, one teaspoonful of soda, one and one-half teaspoonfuls of salt, one teaspoonful of cinnamon and one-half teaspoonful each of cloves and allspice. Mix all together and place in buttered molds, filling two-thirds full. Steam three hours and serve with:

Lemon Hard Sauce.—Cream four tablespoonfuls of butter with two cupfuls of confectioners' sugar. As soon as it is smooth and well blended add strained lemon juice in small quantities. Beat until fluffy, pile on a dish and set to harden.

Graham Pudding.—Take two cupfuls of graham flour, one teaspoonful of soda dissolved in one cupful of sour milk, one cupful of molasses, one and one-half teaspoonfuls of salt, one teaspoonful of cinnamon, one teaspoonful of cloves, one cupful each of raisins and nuts. Mix well and steam in a mold three hours.

Queen of Puddings.—Put into a double boiler one quart of milk and one-half box of gelatin. When dissolved add the beaten yolks of four eggs. Let it come to a boil, then add whites beaten stiff with one-half cupful of sugar and a teaspoonful of vanilla. Remove at once from the heat and pour into an oblong pan rinsed in cold water. When molded turn onto a platter and serve with cream. This pudding is best made the day before serving. Serve sliced, as ice cream, as it will be in two layers.

Common Foods

Careful seasoning and cooking with nice serving makes an ordinary dish, though plain, attractive. Mutton should be more often on our tables. When it is properly handled it is a most tasty meat. The woolly flavor will be unnoticed if the skin is carefully removed.

Mock Venison.—Hang a leg of mutton in a cool place to ripen as long as possible; this adds to its tenderness as well as flavor. Take off the skin and place in a deep kettle; cover with the following: Three heads of garlic, one-half ounce of peppercorns, one-fourth ounce of crushed allspice, six bay leaves, a dozen sprigs of thyme, the same of parsley, all brought to boil in three cupfuls of vinegar. Allow the meat to remain in this pickle, covering the meat with thinly sliced onions until the next day. Rub the meat well with this when it is first put over it and again the next day; turn over and cover the other side with the sliced onions. Continue this for four days, then drain and wipe the meat dry. Rub for half an hour with a pint of hot molasses. Now hang the meat in a cool place until the following day. Roast as a leg of mutton. Serve with currant jelly or spiced grape jelly.

Beef and Corn Pudding.—Take a can of corn and one pound of lean beef; put through the meat grinder. In a saucepan brown one tablespoonful of fat with one tablespoonful of minced onion; cook for two minutes, then add one tablespoonful of browned flour. Add one cupful of soup stock, salt and pepper to taste and cook until smooth. Into a buttered baking dish put layers of corn and beef, season with salt and pepper and add the thickened sauce. Cover and bake in a moderate oven. Uncover, sprinkle with cheese and serve when the cheese is melted.

Fruit Salad.—Fresh pears cut into quarters with orange and grapefruit in sections arranged between the pear quarters is a most delicious combination. Serve with:

Golden Dressing.—Take three tablespoonfuls of orange juice, one tablespoonful of lemon juice, one-half cupful of sugar, a few grains of salt, place in a double boiler and add one slightly beaten egg. Cook until smooth and thick. Cool, and just before serving add one-half cupful of cream beaten stiff.

Almond Torte.—Take one cupful of granulated sugar, beat with the yolks of six eggs and the juice of half a lemon for fifteen minutes. Mix one-half teaspoonful of baking powder with one-half pound of finely ground almonds. Now add the stiffly beaten whites of the six eggs, grated lemon rinds and bake one hour in a very slow oven.

Odd Fear of Camera

Not Yet Eradicated

There are many parts of the world where the camera is not only disliked but feared by primitive people, in many cases even by those who understand very well its use and purpose.

American Indians are a good example. Most of them have a strong aversion to being photographed, especially the older ones. Younger Indians may fear also, but not so much that they will not pose for a price.

Recently a woman was almost mobbed by Rumanian peasants because of her camera, which they feared was casting terrible spells on the village. The slaying of a United States consular agent in Persia a few years ago was because of his camera. Even in England a trace of the fear has been reported. The people of Somerset think it very unlucky to have their pictures taken.—Pathfinder Magazine.

Her Way

"If Aunt Flooty Flutters had to wait a sufficient length of time at a crossroads railway station where she had never been before," related J. Fuller Gloom, the pessimist, "she would hunt up as many as possible of the inhabitants within a radius of two miles around and get acquainted with them, so that she might do them the favor of pointing out their shortcomings and direct them toward a nobler life."

"Her funeral was attended by a great many people, and there was considerable hope expressed that she absolutely was dead."—Kansas City Times.

Dog Mourns Dead Brother

The devotion shown by Jack, a pointer dog, for his brother, Mike, dead since December 1, 1926, has become a classic story throughout southwest Virginia. Jack and Mike were born August 30, 1923. Jack was present, with his head hanging low, at the burial in a field near by. Every day since then Jack has gone to Mike's grave. It is necessary to call him to meals and at night when he is placed in his kennel, but each morning and after every meal, he returns to the grave.

Haughty Heuston

Senator Borah, discussing an unsatisfactory answer that had been made to a charge of corruption, smiled and said:

"It reminds me of the English butler. His employer said to him:

"Heuston, I bet you've been at my Scotch."

"Hexcuse me, sir," said Heuston, in his haughty way. "Hexcuse me, but I don't bet."

Just the Same Way

Amateur Farmer—I wrote to the paper to find how long cows should be milked.

Friend—And they said— "Just like short cows."—Stray Stories.

Not Much Fun in This

Catching fish by electricity is being tried in Rhineland. The process consists of electrifying the water in a given stretch so that the stunned fish rise to the surface.

If Back Hurts Begin on Salts

Flush Your Kidneys Occasionally by Drinking Quarts of Good Water

No man or woman can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well-known authority. Too much rich food creates acids which clog the kidney pores so that they sluggishly filter or strain only part of the waste and poisons from the blood. Then you get sick. Rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, constipation, dizziness, sleeplessness, bladder disorders often come from sluggish kidneys.

The moment you feel a dull ache in the kidneys or your back hurts, or if the urine is cloudy, offensive, full of sediment, irregular of passage, or attended by a sensation of scalding, begin to drink soft water in quantities; also get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any reliable pharmacy and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys may then act fine.

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W. N. U., San Francisco, No. 5-1928.

Fleas in Costume

Mexican dressed fleas are among the interesting exhibits in a downtown shop window which has the Lindbergh flight as the inspiration for a display of Mexican curios. The fleas are so small that they can be seen only with the aid of a strong glass, but they have been skillfully arrayed in wedding clothes by native workmen. An English walnut shell has been painted to resemble the interior of a church and a dressed flea minister stands ready to marry the couple.—Detroit News.

Tired of Life

About 12,000 people kill themselves in the United States each year. Last year the records showed the oldest suicide was ninety-seven and the youngest six years old.—Woman's Home Companion.



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WILL PREACH SERIES OF PROBLEM SERMONS
Last Sunday morning Rev. A. W. Seebart delivered the first of a series of problem sermons, "The problem of pain." His hearers were given new, interesting and helpful ideas concerning the reason life contains so much of pain. Next Sunday he will speak on "The problem of angels." No doubt everyone has spent some time wondering about the old ideal of angels and it is certain the Rev. Mr. Seebart will give a new slant to this old subject. He combines the breadth of modern ideas with a thorough understanding of the Bible in all of his sermons. The problem of "Sunday Observance" and other problem sermons will follow.

RAIN APPROACHES NORMAL
Rainfall for this season up to Feb. 1, was 9.18 inches. Last year's record showed 9.89 inches up to this date. Today's rain should bring it up to last year's total.

GUILD PLANS TWO DINNERS
At the regular meeting of the Niles Congregational Women's Guild held at the church Wednesday plans were made for serving the Men's Club dinner which will be served in the church dining room Thursday evening, February sixteenth. Arrangements were also made for the next "Family Night" dinner which will be held Feb. 24. Mrs. A. W. Seebart, Mrs. P. A. Ellis, Mrs. Amyx and Mrs. Kilfoil were named by Mrs. Hatch, president, as the dinner committee for this occasion. Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. Griffith were appointed as a program committee. The hostesses for the afternoon, Mrs. E. Plumb and Mrs. H. C. Roland served hot sandwiches and coffee.

NEIGHBORS OF WOODCRAFT HOLD INSTALLATION
Hazel Circle No. 598 Neighbors of Woodcraft held the installation of officers at the I. O. O. F. hall in Niles last Wednesday evening. Many guests from San Leandro, Oakland and other towns were in attendance. The following were the officers installed: Mrs. C. Klinkle, Guardian Neighbor; Marianna Destrello, Past Guardian neighbor; Advisor, Julia McKeown; Musician, Mrs. Carey; Attendant, Mrs. Alice Lucas; Clerk, Mrs. Sarah Crane; Banker, Miss Jane Smith Capt. of Guards, Mrs. Rose Drennan. An elaborate supper was served following the installation.

Mrs. J. B. Bernard, who has been quite ill for the past week, had recovered sufficiently to be able to go to Berkeley Wednesday, where she will visit her daughter and family.

IRVINGTON
Dr. J. H. Durham paid a visit to the Automobile Show in San Francisco on Monday.

Boring for oil has commenced on the Bond tract in Irvington and the well is going deeper every day. The engineers report that indications for oil are very good.

Mr. Henry L. Hopkins, Boy Scout executive, was in Irvington on Saturday helping to train some of the local scouts.

Seventy young people attended the party given in the Anderson gymnasium last Thursday. The Irvington Boy Scouts joined with the girls of the Community Sunday school in entertaining the young people of the Decoto Christian Endeavorers. Exciting games were played after which a weenie roast was enjoyed together with punch served by the Irvington girls.

At the last meeting of the Irvington Chamber of Commerce a complaint was registered that automobiles were speeding through town with cutouts open to the general annoyance of the public. Steps were at once taken to have the matter brought to the traffic authorities and it is believed that this nuisance will soon be stopped.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Rood of Oakland and Harry Greene of Niles were Sunday evening dinner guests at the J. M. Williamson home.

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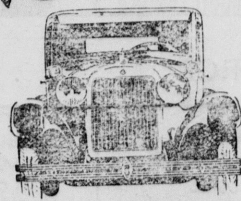
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Grant Catterlin of San Bruno spent
Sunday at the L. J. Duffey home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton spent
Friday in San Francisco.

Allen Jeffries of Oakland, visited
George Lucas of Niles over Sunday.

Mrs. M. C. Wilder of Niles and Mrs.
R. C. Blacow of Centerville spent
Tuesday in Oakland.

Allen Shinn of San Francisco spent
last week end at the parental J. C.
Shinn home.

W. T. Mann, Supt. of the Liver-
more Tile and Brick Co., visited the
Dickey Tile Plant here Tuesday.

Mrs. R. Bendel was an Oakland
visitor Tuesday.

Mrs. B. L. Thane, Miss Fay Thane
and Miss Betty McDonald of San
Francisco spent the week end at the
J. E. Thane home.

Mrs. W. R. Cobb of Berkeley, who
has been ill for several weeks, was
able to leave the hospital and return
to her home this week.

Mr. Wm. Eberly of San Francisco
spent a part of Tuesday and Wed-
nesday at the E. S. Bergstrom home
of Niles.

Mrs. Emilie Chittendon spent Tues-
day and Wednesday in Oakland
where she attended the funeral ser-
vices of her friend, Mrs. Della Vel-
sir.

Mrs. Jane Bond of Grand Forks,
North Dakota, arrived in Niles Mon-
day for an extended visit with her
daughter, Mrs. A. W. Seebart and
family.

Mr. J. Oliver drove his truck to
Santa Barbara Wednesday and will
return with the household goods of
Mr. and Mrs. Tony Alves, who are
moving back to Niles.

Mrs. F. V. Jones, Mrs. Chas. Jones,
Mrs. Lilla Evans and Miss Harriet
Jones drove to Burlingame Tuesday
and visited at the home of the for-
mer's sister, Mrs. V. O. Dairs.

Mrs. J. M. Williamson spent Tues-
day in Oakland with some old
friends from Nashville, Tenn., Mrs.
A. R. and Miss Marion Smith, who
are visiting California and other
western states.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Greenwood who
have been making their headquarters
in the Ellsworth apartments here
since selling their drug store to J.
C. Walton, have purchased a drug
store at Larkspur. They have stor-
ed their household goods and will
leave it in Niles for a few months
while erecting a new residence in
Larkspur.

Dr. H. E. Morrison was called to
San Jose this week by the death of
his sister, Miss Frances Morrison of
that place. She had been in poor
health for some months. Funeral
services were held Monday. This is
the second death in the Morrison
family within six weeks; Miss An-
gela Morrison another sister, having
died in December.

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The wedding of Miss Beatrice
McCall of Woodland to Dr. Leonard
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Sunday February 5th.

Monday the C. F. Foster family
and Mrs. Alma Huntley moved from
Niles to the house owned by the Con-
gregation of the St. James church at
Centerville.

The Sanitary board will hold its
next regular meeting at Niles next
Monday evening Febr. 6.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Sneden and Mrs.
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Mrs. Chittenden, the E. S. Berg-
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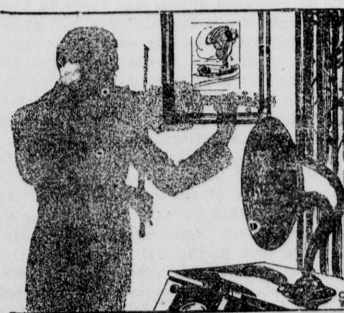
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CALIFORNIA NEWS BRIEFS

An increase of 984 in the population of California's penal institutions, schools, homes and hospitals during 1927 was reported last week by the State department of institutions. The population at the end of 1927 was 22,534. A year ago it was 21,550. The gain was principally in the inmates of the prisons and hospitals, although the number of charges cared for at feeble-minded homes likewise gained considerably.

Los Angeles County led the State in marriages during the last twelve months, with 16,875, while Alpine county, boasting but one wedding, came last. With San Francisco second in the State at large and Alameda county third. Marriages dropped off somewhat after the so-called "gin-marriage" statute became effective at the end of July. The estimate for 1927 is 53,498, or 12.6 per 1,000 population. This is contrasted with 56,664 weddings during the previous year, when the rate was 13.7.

There were 29.6 suicides per 100,000 population in this State during 1927, according to the State estimate. The statement gave 1,240 suicides for the year just ended and 1,113 for 1926. Available records on deaths from external causes, including homicides, give a total of 4,100 for 1927 and 4,803 for 1926 in California. The estimated rate was 96.8 per 100,000 population for the last year, a marked decrease under the rate of 116.3 for the previous calendar year.

Two State highway and bridge contracts involving over \$33,000 were awarded last week by Bert B. Meek, State director of public works. G. D. Contoules of San Francisco received an \$11,857 contract for grading three miles of highway east of Jackson, Amador county. A \$21,971 contract went to Paul M. White of Santa Monica for erection of a bridge over Aliso Creek, north of San Juan Capistrano, Orange county, and widening another bridge near Tustin, also in Orange county.

The California quarantine on mussels, ordered last July following 23 cases of mussel poisoning, six of which proved fatal, was lifted by the department of public health in six districts last week, but will remain in full force in all other parts of the State. Dr. Walter M. Dickie, State director of public health, lifted the quarantine on mussels at Camanche Point, Bay Shore, San Mateo county; Coronado Beach, San Diego county; Monterey, Monterey county; Sierra Point, West Berkeley; Wine Haven, Contra Costa county, and Marine Island, Point Richmond, Contra Costa county.

The value of gold, silver, copper, lead and zinc produced at mines in California in 1927, according to the estimate of J. M. Hill of the United States Bureau of Mines, department of commerce at Washington, was \$16,768,500, a decrease of \$3,282,301 or 16 per cent, as compared with the value of metals produced in 1926. There were apparently decreased yields of about 2 per cent in gold, 30 per cent in the value of silver, 26 per cent in the value of copper, 73 per cent in the value of zinc produced as compared with the previous year.

Larceny is the most prevalent crime among California law-breakers, and burglary and forgery come next, if extradition records for the last year, made public at Sacramento last week, can be taken as a criterion of conditions. Out of 185 requests for extradition made on other states by Governor C. C. Young during 1927, forty-one cases involved larceny, according to Keith Carlin, the Governor's executive secretary. Next on the list were 22 burglary cases and 21 complaints involving forgeries. There were also 21 bad check cases. Carlin reported that robbery and embezzlement also figured largely in the extradition cases and that fourteen requests were made for return of alleged California murderers.

One of the most important announcements in the Grass Valley mining district for several years is that of the discovery of an eight to twelve foot ledge in virtually virgin ground in the Idaho-Maryland Mine. Errol MacBoyle, president of the present Idaho-Maryland Company, confirmed the discovery in a statement and declared his belief that it marked a new epoch for this historic property which has produced from \$23,000,000 to \$25,000,000. The ledge carries free gold and excellent values in milling ore. Many high-grade specimens have been recovered, but no bonanza deposits have been found so far in the explorations, which are still limited. The studies of MacBoyle, Crase and other engineers indicate that it reaches the surface through virgin ground, thus affording a very large mining area.

The Telephone and Telegraph Division of the Railroad Commission has just completed another busy year of active supervision and regulation of the 141 utilities in the telephone, telegraph, or telephone and telegraph business in the state of California. At the present time, there are approximately 1,098,000 connected telephone stations in California, an increase of more than six per cent over the number in service as of December 31, 1926. California has the largest ratio of telephones per capita of population in the United States.

Washing gravel estimated worth \$40 a ton has begun at the Vallecito Western mine, near Angels Camp, on an ancient river channel. The gravel is exceptionally rich, as \$10 is considered a satisfactory value to the ton.

The new California law advancing the age of majority for girls from 18 to 21 years, effective last July, is not retroactive, Attorney General U. S. Webb ruled last week in an opinion to Mrs. Anna L. Saylor, state director of social welfare. The attorney general said there "is no question that a girl who reaches the age of 18 prior to July 28, 1927, has attained her majority."

Ground has been broken for the new \$300,000 Animal Science Building at the College of Agriculture, University of California, at Davis. The plans now call for the addition of a new wing made possible by the low bid submitted by the contractor, R. E. Parker Company.

The extent of drunken driving on California highways was indicated last week when the State division of motor vehicles announced that 292 out of 502 revocations of operators and chauffeurs licenses during 1927 involved cases where automobiles were driven by intoxicated persons. The 502 cases cited by the State division include all violations of the motor vehicle act or cancelled during the last twelve months.

Money appropriated by the legislature for specific purposes in the department of education cannot be consolidated into a general fund, to be disbursed along other lines, according to an opinion rendered to William John Cooper, head of the department by Attorney General U. S. Webb. The question came up in connection with an appropriation of \$114,140 included in the 1927 budget for the support of the State Board of Education.

The Disabled Veterans of the World War, department of California, last week filed incorporation papers with the Secretary of State as a non-profit organization with headquarters in San Francisco. The papers were submitted by Richard C. Queen, Fred Schmidt and James Forrest of San Francisco, and Arthur Shepperd, Fresno; Frank McDermott, San Bernardino, and Manfred Bennett, Fall Brook.

Both births and deaths increased in California during 1927, while marriages, under the new three-day wedding notice law, showed a decrease, according to the official estimate of the State Department of Public Health announced last week by L. E. Ross, chief of the bureau of vital statistics. Doctor Stork delivered 84,400 babies in California during the last twelve months, as compared with 82,372 in 1926. Ross estimated, though the birth rate remained at 19.9 per 1,000 population. On this basis the California baby crop for 1927 amounted to approximately 253 1-5 tons. Deaths were placed at 62,200 for the year, or 14.7 per 1,000 population. In 1926 there were 58,742 deaths and the rate was 14.2.

A preliminary investigation of California's newest potential volcano—Glass mountain in the Modoc lava beds, Modoc county, has just been made by R. H. Finch, director of the Lassen Volcano Observatory, and George L. Collins of the National Park Service. Reports had come in from the forest service rangers of the Modoc National Forest that an area of Glass mountain had been discovered where vents were steaming copiously and emitting strong odors of sulphur. Glass mountain, which is considered a part of the Lassen volcano unit, is a peak 7,850 feet high and lies about seventy-five miles north of Mt. Lassen.

By refusing to accept \$1,500,000 offered to him by the Bancitaly Corporation and making a gift of it to the University of California, A. P. Giannini, founder of the Bank of Italy, has put theory into practice. He believes in a wider distribution of wealth. The gift will be known as the Giannini Foundation, President W. W. Campbell of the university announced. One-third of the amount will be used to complete the agricultural unit of buildings of the campus by the erection of Giannini Hall. On account of the banker's deep interest in agricultural problems, all activities of the foundation will be embraced in the field of agricultural economics.

Expressing belief that the California unemployment situation can be materially remedied by increased highway construction activities, the State administration last week announced that new road building and maintenance projects involving approximately \$13,000,000 will be placed under contract within the next six months. The announcement was made by Bert B. Meek, State director of public works, as the result of a conference with Governor C. C. Young on steps to provide early employment for California laborers. New construction enterprises to be placed under contract between now and June will entail expenditure of about \$6,000,000, Meek said.

Patrolling of the State highways in anything but motorcycles will be a thing of the past as soon as the dry weather comes, according to the announcement made at Sacramento by Frank G. Snook, chief of the State Division of Motor Vehicles. Snook declared that experience has shown the motorcycle is vastly superior to the automobile for patrol purposes. Not only has it greater speed, he said, but when a traffic officer is pursuing a speeder in an automobile, he becomes as great a menace to life and limb as the speeder himself.

California Ranch News

Records from the College of Agriculture at Davis show the pounds of wool produced last year in California at approximately 22,000,000,000, while the value of this crop is estimated at \$7,000,000. California ranks second in the production of sheep and wool, with Texas holding the first place.

The reluctance of growers of Tulare county to poison birds seems to be gradually disappearing. This season tons of poison are being put out in deciduous fruit orchards as the bird pest particularly the sparrows and linnets, is increasing. The county horticultural office is advocating control of these birds through poison.

Figures taken from the orchard census just completed by T. A. Willis, county horticultural commissioner, disclose that the acreage planted to fruit trees and vines in Colusa county is considerably more than has been estimated in previous years. The total, including the plantings in 1927 amounted to 618 acres. A conservative estimate of the value of the orchard crops produced in 1927 would be about \$1,800,000, Willis estimated.

Cotton is again claiming the attention of a large number of ranchers in the North End district of the Imperial Valley, where approximately 20,000 acres was planted to the crop the past season. Ginning companies in Calipatria and other valley cities report that more than 2500 bales had been ginned up until January first, and that operations will continue throughout January and February, and possibly later.

Great preparations are being made at China for the annual walnut institute, set for February 25. Growers will be present from several California counties representing the walnut growers' department of their respective county farm bureaus. Conditions having to do with the production and marketing of walnuts will be discussed.

Directors of the Imperial Valley Grain Growers' Association are preparing a petition asking for lower freight rates from valley points to Los Angeles. They declare that the present rate of from 22 to 25 cents is out of line with other rates now in effect from intrastate points to the Los Angeles terminal. The Imperial Valley Grain Growers' Association now has 108 members and does an annual business in excess of \$1,000,000.

Cow testing in California reached its highest mark last year, according to G. E. Gordon, dairy specialist of the Agricultural Extension Service of the University of California. There were 70,973 cows on test in California last year in 35 counties of the state, and of these 8071 were culled as unprofitable.

Help for the farmer who is getting too small a share of the national income, according to agricultural experts, will come in March to twenty-four towns in the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys. A 14-car special train carrying livestock and agricultural exhibits will make a two weeks tour at that time to emphasize the need of diversified farming and to study conditions in each farming area. Professor B. H. Crocheron, director of agricultural extension of the University of California, and R. E. Kelly, manager of development of the Southern Pacific, will be in charge, assisted by members of the agricultural staff of the university.

The deciduous fruit growers of California won a second victory over the railroads in their fight for reduced freight rates last week, when three Federal judges, sitting en banc, refused to restrain operation of new rates fixed by the Interstate Commerce Commission. About 400 railroads joined in the application for a temporary restraining order. Arguments were heard some time ago by Judge Frank H. Rudkin of the U. S. Circuit Court and Judges Frank H. Kerrigan and A. F. St. Sure of the Federal District Court. They were unanimous in the opinion handed down denying the application. The commission cut the rates on deciduous fruit shipments to certain Eastern points from \$1.75 to \$1.60 per 100 pounds and to other Eastern points from \$1.62 to \$1.50.

Grapes led in agricultural and horticultural plantings in Napa county during the year 1927, it is disclosed in the annual report submitted by Horticultural Commissioner W. D. Butler. New vineyards set out totaled 200 acres. Pears were second on the list, and prunes, one of the leading crops of this productive valley, came third. The increased plantings in pears over past years further indicated that this variety of fruit is rapidly growing in favor in this vicinity.

The planting season is on at Redlands, and while there will not be any large planting of citrus or deciduous fruits in the Redlands district, some new acreage is planned. In Yucaipa, plans are under way for planting a considerable acreage to pears and to peaches.

No shortage of cars to handle the naval orange crop, which is ripening in the Ontario section is seen by growers. Railroads have long been preparing equipment for the rush of oranges from this community, and refrigerator cars are being spotted to be ready for the sudden car demand, as picking and packing of navels starts in earnest. The local season will last well into May, and perhaps later, it is stated by growers.

Citrus growers throughout the State are much interested in the contest to determine the "world's champion orange grower," which will be inaugurated the first time at the 18th National Orange Show to be held in the city of San Bernardino, February 16-26. More than 100 entries are expected, judging from the number already in, and from the inquiries that have been received by General Manager R. H. Mack.

While the apple production situation in the United States is not discouraging as compared with other farm products, this is not an opportune time for expansion of the apple industry, says Emil Rauchenstein of the University of California, in Bulletin 445 of the College of Agriculture. This bulletin, just published, is one of a series on the economic status of California crops, being prepared at the University of California.

Home demonstration agents introduced better nutrition methods in nearly eight thousand farm homes in California during 1927, according to the annual report of Prof. Harriet G. Eddy, state leader of home demonstration agents at the University of California. There were 5413 children of school age and 1037 of pre-school age enrolled in good growth and development projects in the state.

Dried milk and sterilized fresh cream will be the products of a factory being operated at Seventh and Orange streets in Chico, according to statements made by A. V. Russell, who is installing the necessary machinery. The plant is installed in a corrugated iron building 132 by 100 feet in dimensions and when completed will represent an investment of \$50,000. It will use 50,000 pounds of milk daily.

One hundred and thirty-four cars of rice have been shipped from Biggs, Butte county, since October first when the rice season started. In October thirty-one cars of cleaned rice left Biggs, seven cars of paddy and six cars of rice bran. In November twenty-five cars of cleaned rice, two cars of paddy and seven cars of bran were shipped. In December twenty-five cars of clean rice and twelve cars of paddy left, while for the first two weeks in January eighteen cars of cleaned rice was shipped. This represents about one quarter of the season's crop. The bulk of the crop went to the bay districts but a big lot went to Porto Rico and some to Pennsylvania for making into puffed rice.

Experiments covering more than fifty years have proven that silk may be produced almost anywhere in California where the mulberry will grow. Notwithstanding the excellent climatic conditions, however, sericulture has never been worked out as a profitable commercial venture in California, although one company is now making an earnest effort in that direction. Southern California was selected as the place most suited to carry out the plans of the research staff. In March, 1926, 100,000 Burbank mulberry trees were set out on a 320-acre plot in the San Marcos district near Escondido in San Diego county. The planting has since been increased to 150,000 trees. In the meantime more than five miles of steel pipe lines have been laid for the distribution of water for irrigation and an overhead sprinkling system has been installed and is in operation.

A total of 3701 visits to 1450 Los Angeles county farms was made during 1927 by representatives of the Los Angeles County Farm Bureau, according to the annual report just issued by M. B. Rounds, county agricultural agent. In addition to these visits, 5544 persons made visits to the farm bureau office, 6038 telephone calls relating to extension service work were answered, and 420 community meetings, which were attended by 19,948 growers, were held during the year.

DAIRY FACTS

KEEP COWS CLEAN AND COMFORTABLE

Maintenance so far as possible of summer conditions for dairy cows in winter calls for a good snug barn in which the dairy stock will be comfortable the coldest days. "It is not necessary that the temperature of the barn be kept anything like that of a human dwelling," says Dr. C. H. Eckles, chief of dairying of the University of Minnesota, "but on the other hand a barn so cold that the manure freezes every night will have a bad effect on milk production and will therefore be the means of losing money for the cow owner."

Ventilation is important. Fresh air for the cow is as great a necessity as feed and is cheap to supply. If a barn is thoroughly wind proof and has a good roof the cows will not suffer much from cold. In the northern states the barn should be insulated by being boarded up on the inside. If frost gathers on inside walls of a barn in cold weather, causing them to drip moisture as the temperature rises, the ventilation is poor. But ventilation alone in a cold climate will not prevent frosty walls; proper insulation is needed.

"Any changes in the barn that will improve the sanitary conditions, or that will make it easier to keep the cows clean, should be made now. Let it be remembered that the barn is a place to prepare human food and that the health and even lives of the children of the country depend to a goodly extent upon conditions in the stable where milk is produced. To produce clean milk requires clean cows. A good floor, a gutter of proper depth and width, and especially a platform of the right length for the animals, are the first things necessary to keep cows clean in the ordinary barn."

"Imitate summer conditions both as to feed and comfort of the animals, and winter production will be as satisfactory as early summer, with the price generally better."

Preventable Separator Losses Total Large Sum

What is the annual loss to dairymen from faulty separation of cream from the milk? Unless the dairyman is one who feels that a certain amount of whole milk should be fed to the hogs or chickens, how much butterfat can be considered wasted because it is fed along with the skim milk to these farm animals? During a single month Iowa cow testers reported that the preventable losses through poor separation in 79 associations totaled \$493,30. The fact that this loss is preventable is reason enough for being interested in the matter, disregarding the fact that the loss amounts to approximately \$6,000 annually to members of the Iowa cow testing associations.

Temporary mishaps in separator operation may cause a slight preventable loss, but, on the whole, the fault usually rests with the separator. A clean separator that is set level, is properly oiled and run at the correct and uniform speed will get the butterfat from the milk as it should and will not contribute to this annual waste.

Winter Protection for Dairy Cows Important

When the cold rains, sleets and snows of winter bother the dairyman, barn roofs prove to be cheaper shelters for dairy cows than the backs of animals. Some classes of stock can be wintered very satisfactorily out of doors in stormy weather, but exposure to such weather will immediately cause the dairy cow to decrease her milk flow. In addition to a decreased milk flow the cow will be required to consume more feed in order to maintain her body heat, both resulting in increased feed consumption in proportion to the amount of milk received.

Dairy Notes

Cow-testing associations have proved beyond a question that with the silo, cheaper milk can be produced.

The feeding of well-cured hay will do more to keep up the health of the dairy herd than any other single factor.

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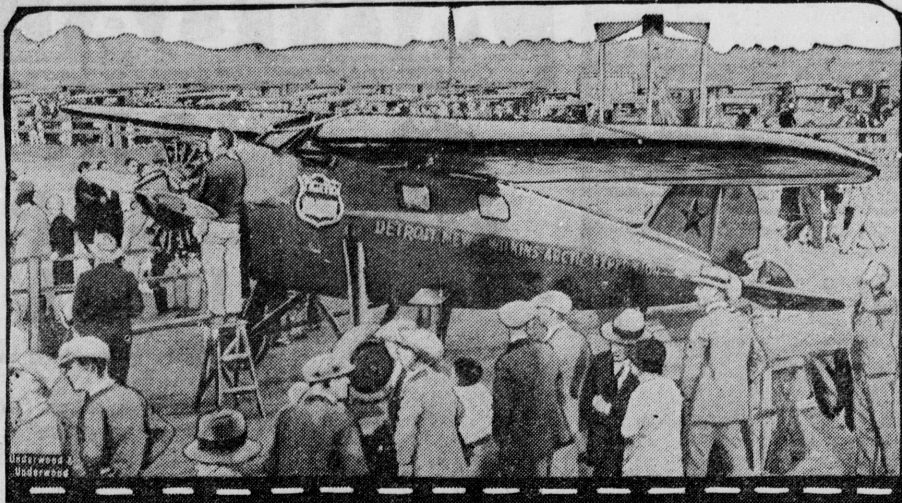
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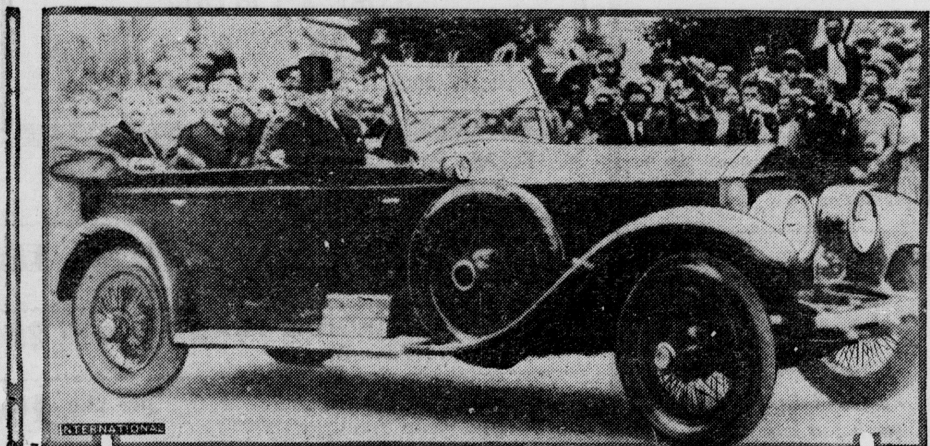


New Plane for Captain Wilkins, Arctic Explorer



This photograph shows the completely enclosed plane which Captain Wilkins, noted Australian explorer, will fly in the Arctic regions in the spring. The ship is built to protect the explorer from the subzero weather. Oil heaters will prevent the motor from freezing when it is not running. The plane will be shipped from Los Angeles to Fairbanks, from where Captain Wilkins will fly to Point Barrow, Alaska, and points north.

President Coolidge Greeted by People of Havana



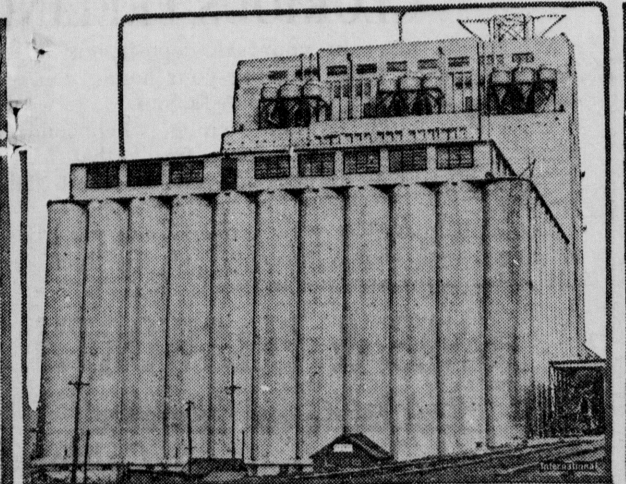
Havana gave President Coolidge a warm welcome when he went there to help open the Pan-American conference. In this photograph, transmitted by wire, he is seen with President Machado of Cuba riding through the streets of the island capital.

Two Lads From the Land of the Nile



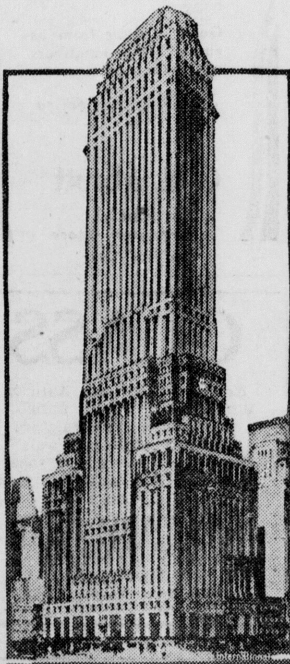
Amin and Aly Samy Pasha are the sons of the Egyptian minister and Mme. Samy Pasha. These two lovely children from the land of the Nile are very popular among the younger diplomatic set in Washington.

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This is the new grain elevator at Port Richmond, Pa., built at a cost of \$4,000,000 and capable of handling eighty cars of grain a day. The elevator is said to have no equal, and its opening recently was the occasion for a great celebration.

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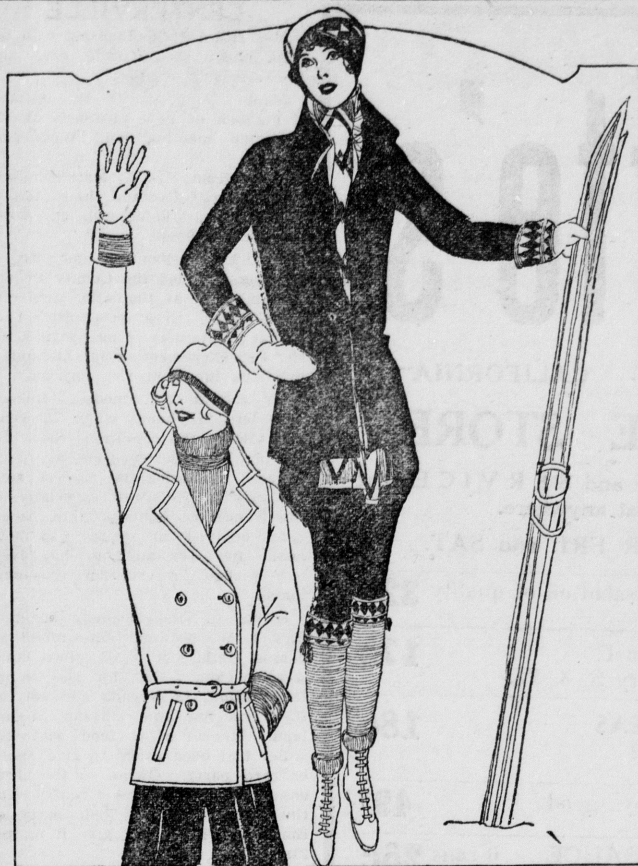


Drawing of the new 52-story Chania office building in New York on the ground floor of which will be located the Baltimore & Ohio passenger terminal. This building is being erected opposite the Grand Central station.

WON THE CONVENTION



Jesse H. Jones of Texas, member of the finance committee of the Democratic national committee, whose arguments, financial and otherwise, won for Houston the Democratic national convention.



Sturdy Designs Rule the Winter Fashions in Sports Attire. A Suit in Hunter's Green. A Capeskin Leather Jacket for Tobogganing.

New Fashions for Season of Sports

Gay Togs Are Designed for Practically but Retain All Smartness.

The season of winter sports finds the designers with complete outfits of exceptional smartness, writes a fashion correspondent in the New York Times. Costumes are distinct from the generally accepted sports dress of other seasons, which is repeated in countless variants for every occasion and in many materials. Skating has always furnished inspiration for dressmakers, and picturesque suits for skaters have been among the most attractive models each year, changing only to conform to the prevailing mode. Designers have amused themselves with delightfully original styles. These are all sturdier and more practical than the old-fashioned rather theatrical skating costume in which the last word in chic was expressed in the bands of fur that trimmed the tight little coat, the skirt bottom and the boot tops—ladylike little costumes with a certain feminine charm that is still felt when it is found in Godey's Lady's Book. But it would never survive among the sports styles of the present day, equally attractive but different.

The up-to-date skating suit is tailored, almost scientifically practical, and yet exceedingly smart. In the large assortment of sports suits are models from almost every prominent or aspiring house in Paris and in New York. One from Redfern is a three-piece ensemble consisting of skirt, knickers and jersey coat sweater. It has three points illustrating the most popular design of the season: Skirt with plaits clustered in front to give freedom of movement; knickers fitting closely and meeting the long woolen stockings; and, sweater of heavy wool jersey with high turtle-neck collar, with sleeves drawn tight at the wrists with knitted ribbed cuffs.

Tweed Mixture Used.

Another skating dress, this time of American authorship, is likewise feminine and more of the sort that might be worn in the spectators' gallery at winter sports events, or almost anywhere in the wintry countryside. It is made of a Rodier tweed mixture, with a skirt plaited in sensible fullness and a sweater-coat of the same material cut more than hip length and buttoned all the way down the front. This sweater is warm and comfortable, has side pockets and is finished with a band of plain brown cloth along the edges of the coat front, pockets and cuffs, the sweater being of beige wool. The hat of beige felt has a band of brown ribbon around the crown, and beige knitted wool stockings are worn with skating boots of brown buckskin. This conventional skating suit is shown in many different combinations of color, some startlingly gay, others in light colors.

White is very fashionable in all of the winter sports suits, particularly in skating costumes, always, of course, with green, yellow, scarlet or other contrasting colors. In the heavy jerseys are shown some beautiful suits of white, with stripes of color around the bottom of the jersey, the skirt and at the neck and wrists. These decorative borders are of green and black, yellow and black, blue, scarlet and of black and white, very effective and stylish. Not all the skaters are wearing skirts.

Interesting variations are introduced to give novelty to the new suits. The latest sweaters are especially important, one model being

ing in reality a double garment. It is illustrated in an extreme style designed in Paris and it is made in two shades of brown with light cocoa tan. Over a close-fitting jersey sweater of the tan is worn a sleeveless sweater-coat that covers the hips and is low at the neck, back and front to show the high turtle collar of the under part. A skating garment that suggests the old styles has a skirt of white flannel laid in box plaits, sweater of coral tinted jersey kasha and double-breasted short coat of the white material with dark fox fur at the high neck and cuffs. Another skating costume is made with brown jersey for the skirt, gathered full across the front, and one of the new sleeveless jumpers of brown over a close, high-collared jersey of yellow wool in which are interwoven small figures in red. A red lacquered belt and boots with red lacquered tops add a brilliant touch to the ensemble. Brown gauntlet do-skin gloves are worn.

Skiing Costume.

Ski devotees are making the most exacting demand upon the designers of dress for winter sports. Only confirmed sports devotees go in for the pastime and their costume must be correct and distinctive, with less attention given to the quality of becomingness, which is dimmed by the thrill and hazard of the sport. From Scandinavia comes the inspiration of an ultra smart skiing suit which is made of huntsman's green cloth, with a beret of scarlet suede. The coat is cut like the jacket of an aviator, but buttoned to the coat, belted and flaring wide over the hips with large patch side pockets. The long breeches are tucked into wool socks knitted in lattice of scarlet and white and a pair of the fashionable white doeskin gloves are pulled on over the sleeves.

From Norway comes the model for another suit. It is in blue, gray and white, with the regulation long breeches and boots laced over wool socks. The overjacket of blue is cut like a French gilet, with deep open neck and arm holes, and it is worn over a jersey of knitted white yarn with full length sleeves and a heavy red collar of the knitted wool, high at the back and open for several inches in front.

Sportswomen who prefer the skirt model with every costume have some charming designs with which to vary their dress for skiing. One is an engaging suit in king blue and white. A skirt of inverted box plaits is made of white wool with bands of blue cloth about the hips and at the bottom. The heavy white wool sweater is made hip length, with a high double roll collar, and is worn under a slip-on sleeveless cardigan jacket of blue, belted around the hips and with side patch pockets.

Some picturesque suits not easily distinguished as belonging to any special sport are made by the various Parisian designers for the San Moritz season.

Lively Colors Favored.

Color is given especial attention in the winter sports costumes, and some creators are using the modernist patterns with picturesque effect. Yellow is very fashionable and is combined with other colors in a number of suits. Among these decorative creations are the chic frocks, wraps and suits seen in the spectators' gallery or at the winter clubs built where tobogganing, skiing and skating devotees gather for luncheon and tea. In these costumes the Rodier woollens and Scotch materials are having conspicuous success and considerable fur is used, though less than formerly. Jane Regny's things are among the most popular with chic sportswomen who are wearing suits and coats. One model is in winter green, shading from pale to dark and interwoven in a knee length sweater-coat, with plaited skirt of dark green crepe de chine.

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Sunday School Lesson

(By REV. P. H. FITZWATER, D.D., Dean Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)
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Lesson for February 5

JESUS MISUNDERSTOOD AND OPPOSED.

LESSON TEXT—Mark 3:19-35; 6:1-6.
GOLDEN TEXT—He came unto his own and his own received him not, but as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.
PRIMARY TOPIC—Friends Misunderstand Jesus.
JUNIOR TOPIC—Friends Misunderstand Jesus.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Facing Unavoidable Opposition.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Misunderstood Jesus.

I. Jesus Misunderstood by His Friends (3:19-21).

1. The occasion (vv. 19, 20).
A series of important events in the ministry of Jesus had followed each other in rapid succession. The twelve had been chosen, and He with His disciples had just returned from a trip of preaching and healing in Galilee. Such great interest was aroused that though Jesus was weary and hungry He did not have time to eat.

2. What His friends purposed to do (v. 21). They went out to lay hold on Him. They saw Him giving Himself with absolute abandon to His work so they attempted to rescue Him forcibly by taking Him from His work.

3. What they said (v. 21). "He is beside himself." His passionate devotion to saving the lost seemed to them a kind of insanity.

II. Jesus Opposed by the Scribes (vv. 22-30).

1. Their charge (v. 22). They charged Him with casting out demons by Beelzebub. According to Matthew 12:22-24, the Pharisees joined the scribes in this charge. The occasion which provoked the charge was the healing of a man possessed with a demon. Unable to explain His unwearying service for needy men by attributing His zeal to religious frenzy, they accused Him of being in league with the devil.

2. Christ's reply (vv. 23-27). He exposed their folly by a question and by parables.

(1) "How can Satan cast out Satan?" If after Satan gets control of a man he should voluntarily relinquish that hold he would thus become his own enemy. In view of the nature of the devil, this is unthinkable.

(2) "If a kingdom be divided against itself that kingdom cannot stand (v. 24). Civil war is national suicide. A living example of this folly is seen in China today.

(3) If a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand (v. 25). House here means family. The family that wars against itself will surely perish.

(4) No man can enter into a strong man's house and spoil his goods except he first bind the strong man (v. 27). Satan here is the strong man, the house is the world, the goods of the house are the human beings whose welfare and happiness Satan is seeking to destroy.

3. Christ's charge (vv. 28-30).

Since He was doing the works of God (for before their very eyes He had driven the demon from the man). He was undoing the works of the devil. He went about doing good. Wherever He went men were blessed. The eyes of the blind were opened, deaf ears were unstopped, the lame were made to walk and the dead were raised. Having with unanswerable logic met their accusations He charged home upon them most awful guilt, that of blasphemy against the Holy Ghost. Blasphemy against the Holy Ghost is attributing the works of the Spirit to the devil. For this great sin there is no pardon.

III. Jesus Misunderstood by His Family (vv. 31-35).

His brothers and mother came with the object of getting Him home because they thought He had lost His reason. Of course His brothers did not believe on Him as the Messiah, but their filial interest moved them to try to get Him home. No doubt this was most painful to Jesus. Their motive may have been right, but they were used of the devil to hinder Him. Growing out of this came that wonderful declaration, that relation to Christ is more vital than that of human kinship.

IV. Jesus Misunderstood by His Fellow Townsmen (6:1-6).

The citizens of Nazareth were unable to question the reality of Christ's work and the power of His words, but because He was one of them they were offended at Him. This is a marvelous example of the blighting effects of prejudice. Because of this attitude of soul on the part of the people His wonder working was very limited among them. And He marvelled because of their unbelief.

Love of God

For human love alone men and women have given up ease and luxury for toil, poverty and privation; have given up position for obscurity, have chosen separation from kindred and friends. If human love be worth so much, what can be compared with that "love of God" which is "shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given us?"—J. S. MacG.

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CENTERVILLE

Mrs Howard Chadbourne, who has been under the doctor's care this week, is improving.

Maple Camp W. O. W. initiated a number of new members at the initiation meeting held Wednesday evening.

Word from Mrs G. Mathisen, who is in Merritt Hospital, is to the effect that she is doing well, and hopes soon to be home.

Mrs E. Chadbourne and Mrs F. Bunting attended the County Federation meeting at the Alta Mira club on Thursday. Great preparations and a fine program is being provided for the February meeting in Oakland. A delicious luncheon was enjoyed.

Mr. Halluk of Alameda, a Russian who left his home when 17 years old, told of the conditions there and his terrible experience getting to the "Island" (America), his success since he arrived. He dwelt especially, on the wonderful benefits that Americans enjoyed in every way. He spoke for over an hour but every one wished he could have spoken longer.

Owing to Miss Bruner's accident, Mrs J. W. Attwood entertained St. James' Guild last week. Two boxes were packed. One for the Indian Reservations in Nevada and one for the "True Sunshine" mission in Oakland. Instead of a food sale the ladies had been asked to give another card party. Owing to the three days' activity of the Country club the ladies withdrew their party on the 16th. They may give it on the 21st.

The 23rd Convention of the Episcopal church and the House of church women will meet this week in Grace Chapel, San Francisco. The delegates from St. James are: Mrs. F. O. Bunting, Mrs. E. T. and Mrs. Howard Chadbourne, Mrs. Kelly and Miss Benson. The gentlemen attending the convention as delegates are Mr Howard Chadbourne, Dr. A. Ormsby, M. Mathisen, N. Lax and Philip Moore.

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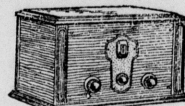
Following the installation a fine banquet was served.

Mrs F. O. Bunting went to S. F. Friday evening to hear Richard Halliburton lecture. He told why he had written his second book, "The Glorious Adventure" to a packed house.

The charming luncheon given by Mesdames Phillip Moore, James Crothers and Frank Dusterberry at the Dusterberry home last Friday was greatly enjoyed by all. Covers were laid for fourteen ladies and following the repast, cards furnished entertainment, some playing bridge and others five hundred. Mrs A. A. Hatch won the high score at bridge and Mrs H. Mosher at five hundred. There were also gifts for the guests of honor Miss S. Benson and Mrs J. Kelley.

Mrs H. Gregory is home again after a month with her daughter in San Jose. She still is not as well as we would like to see her.

The "Sweet 16" met with Mrs Henry Dusterberry, Thursday. Miss Mamie Norris took 1st prize, Mrs F. Adams, slams and Mrs. Christensen took consolation.



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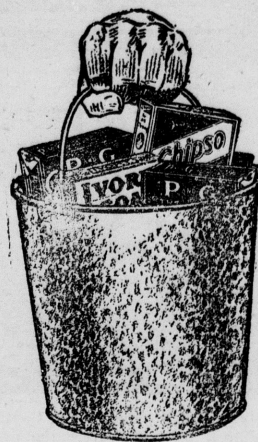
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